GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:63
ANSWERED ON:22.11.2001
OPENING OF OUTSTATION BOOKING OFFICES RESERVATION CENTRES
PUNNULAL MOHALE

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(A) the norms fixed for opening of out-station booking office/ reservation centres;

(B) whether opening of outstation reservation centres in the places far away from the railway stations like Mungeli, Pendra Gaurela (district Bilaspur) Jaspur, Ambikapur are under consideration;

(C) if so, the details in this regard; and

(D) if not, the reasons therefor ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH)

(a) to (d): A statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF STARRED QUESTION NO. 63 BY SHRI PUNNU LAL MOHALE TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 22.11.2001 REGARDING OPENING OF OUTSTATION BOOKING OFFICES RESERVATION CENTRES.

(a): Out agencies for parcel as well as ticket booking are opened in remote areas to facilitate traffic booking there. Traffic justification, public demand, distance from railhead, existing transport facilities and presence of a suitable contractor constitute some of the considerations for opening such agencies. For providing PRS facilities it hassince been decided to relax the norms from 200 transactions per day to 100 transactions per day and to include important Tourist Centres and District Headquarters on a programmed basis.

(b) to (d): Of these four locations Ambikapur and Jaspur are district headquarters and would therefore be covered under the relaxed norms on a programmed basis.